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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KARL FRANCIS HORLANDER
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For: AN ADAPTIVE VIDEO IMAGE INFORMATION PROCESSING
SYSTEM
Examiner: P. NATNAEL
Art Unit: 2614

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The Applicant spoke with the Examiner on August 19, 2003, in an oral interview, to discuss the above-identified application. Applicant is submitting this paper as to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.113(b).

The subject of the interview was the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection to Claims 1-20, 22-25, 29-36 as listed in the Final Office Action mailed on April 9, 2003. Specifically, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 10, 19, and 30 for the phrases, "used for determining", "information for determining the display formats available for recording", and "information for determining the picture resolution formats available for recording," as not having support in the specification.

Applicant submits that such claimed features are present in the specification. For example, beginning on page 6, line 18 of the application, a description is given of video decoder 110 which, "adaptively decodes received broadcast high definition video data to provide either high definition (HD) digital MPEG compatible data, standard definition (SD) digital MPEG compatible video data or an analog composite video signal." This section describes how the

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video decoder 110 configures VCR 105 to operate in view of such HD, SD, or analog video data considering "control and configuration information conveyed in the ancillary data," (specification, page 6, lines 18-29).

Moreover, beginning on page 7, line 10 of the specification, the operation of VCR 105 is described as to, "adaptively select a signal format for recording or playback, in response to copy protection information" (see Specification, page 7, lines 10-26). This section of the specification also describes an operation of the invention where the copy protection data is used to allow the playback of a particular program in one format (HD) and a second format (SD) after a specific period, where the available formats are determined in view of the copy protection data (see specification, page 7, lines 20-26).

The specification also supports the disclosure of the above-mentioned claimed features in other places.

For the reasons given above, Claims 1-20, 22-25, 29-36 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and Applicant requests that this rejection to the claims be withdrawn.

If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6809, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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